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The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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Training with the United States Park Police**

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Six Volunteers Chosen to Serve on New Commission

The Board of Supervisors received 19 applicants and chose 6 to serve on the new Fire and Rescue Commission. The new Commissioners are below along with a short history:

Alice "Allie" Love-Allie has been a rescue squad member of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company for 12 years and served on the Fire-Rescue Commission for 6 years. She is the former town administrator of the Town of Middleburg and once was the admissions and financial aid director for Sweet Briar College.

Douglas G. Rambo-Doug joined the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1981 where he remains a life member. He has been a Commission member for 5 years.

Frederick J. Muller-Fred has previously served as a member of the Sterling and Hamilton Volunteer Rescue Squads and is now a member of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. He is vice president of a technology consulting company.

Clyde M. "Mickey" Buchanan-Mickey is a 28 year veteran of volunteer firefighting and a career firefighter with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. He has specialized in refining technical rescue systems, including development of the International Urban Search & Rescue team that has seen service from the Oklahoma City bombing to foreign earthquakes to the September 11th Pentagon attack.

Joe Habib-Joe joined the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company in 1996 as an administrative member. He has expanded the company's accounting system as well as introduced new financing instruments to facilitate capital equipment acquisitions.

Ian Buchanan-Ian joined the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company in 1999 and is currently holding the position of Lieutenant. He spent 18 years with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Company in Prince William County and was a participant in that county's evolution from an all volunteer system to an integrated volunteer-paid system.

Chief Bob Griffin of the Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services also serves on the Commission as a voting member.

Mr. Jim Burton, of the Board of Supervisors and Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Operational Medical Director for the EMS system in Loudoun County are non-voting members.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all members of the Fire and Rescue Commission.

Arcola Participates in Multi-jurisdictional Training with the United States Park Police

On Wednesday May 8, 2002, members from Company 9 participated in hoist training with the United States Park Police. The participants traveled to Park Police aviation headquarters in Anacostia where they had approximately one hour of ground training. Then the real excitement began. A pilot and rescue technician hovered above the ground and lowered a hoist approximately sixty feet down to the ground. One member from Arcola attached the hoist to a rigged stokes basket and then performed as the safety officer. Two other crews secured the patient on two tag lines attached to the stokes to guide and steady the basket on it's lift to the awaiting chopper. This is certainly not an exercise that you want to perform for the first time on an emergency scene. This type of rescue can be used if there is a patient in an inaccessible location some distance from a suitable landing location. Hoist training is offered every spring at their facility. Wednesdays are their preferred training



days due to having a staff overlap to allow one helicopter for training and one to respond to calls.

Secondly, the members were able to use the "jungle penetrator" to be inserted from the helicopter to the ground and then be extracted. This was by far the most fun part of the drill for everyone. Our thanks go out to the staff of the US Park Police who helped us that day. They reminded us that they are available for patient hoist extrication, search, and as another transport option. They have three helicopters and have one staffed 24 x 7 with a pilot and rescue technician. They are approximately twenty minutes from South Riding on a cold engine start.

Article by Matt Shultz, Fire Chief

Photos by FF Erin McBride



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Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Commission

Doug Rambo
Fred Muller

Allie Love
Joe Habib

Mickey Buchanan
Ian Buchanan

Bob Griffin, Chief,
Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services

Jim Burton, Board of Supervisor
Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Medical Director

September 2002

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Company 14	2 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	3 Fire-Rescue Commission	4 Companies 13 & 17	5 Company 15	6	7
8	9 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	10 Rescue Chiefs Retention & Recruitment Committee	11 Company 10	12	13	14
15	16 Company 1 ALS Committee	17 EMS Council	18 Fire Council	19	20	21
22	23 Companies 4 & 8	24 Fire-Rescue Commission Workshop	25 Peer Review Committee	26	27	28
29	30					

FIRE & RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #5-August 18, 2002

Class #6-October 19, 2002

Class #7-December 8, 2002

EMT-Enhanced

Pre-Test - Tuesday, 8/ 6th

Interviews-Week of 8/12th

HOBET Exam-Tuesday, 8/20th

Class Begins-Tuesday, 8/27th

State Exam TBA- December

AHA CPR-Instructor

Pre-Test—Tuesday 8/20

Instruction on Saturday, 8/24 &

Sunday, 8/25th

***A BIG THANK YOU
for the articles!
Please keep the articles
& photos coming!***



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and Photographs to
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Rescue Services
or
E-MAIL ARTICLES TO:
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**Submission Deadline
1st week of month
prior to
issue month**

New Deliveries

Wagon and Quint 6

Article and Photos by Mike Sanders - Company 6

In March of 2002, the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (Company 6) accepted delivery of two new fire engines built by Smeal on Spartan cabs. Identified as Wagon 6 and Quint 6, these two trucks greatly expand the firefighting capabilities within Ashburn.

Both new Smeal's are painted in Ashburn's yellow and white color scheme and sport roto-rays on the front cabs. On the cab doors are the large Ashburn emblems and all lettering and numbering is painted in an eye catching blue. Wagon 6 has a 2001 Spartan cab that was completed by Smeal during 2002. It includes a 1500 gpm pump and carries 600 gallons of water. Unlike the Quint, the new Wagon has a raised roof and seating for six personnel.

Other features of the new Wagon 6 include three 750 watt scene lights (including one on the front cab), a booster reel which Ashburn has not had on its engines since the 1980 Hahn, and a ladder lowering device for the ground ladders stored high on the officers side.

At the discretion of the officer on Quint 6, this truck is designed to either function as an engine company or a truck company, depending on the emergency. Quint 6 also has a Spartan cab built in 2001 and completed by Smeal during 2002. Unlike Wagon 6, the Quint does not have the raised roof because of the 75' rear mount ladder. This is Ashburn's first aerial lad-



der, so there is a lot of excitement about the addition of this new truck.

Other features of Quint 6 include a 1500 gpm pump, 500-gallon water tank, and Smeal's ergonomic hose load bed. This unique system allows the hose bed to automatically extend out from the body of the Quint to allow for racking hose in a much easier manner. Quint 6 is designed with four cross lays, but two of these sections are considered "dead loads" and will store miscellaneous equipment like a high-rise pack and other tools.

As a result of Wagon and Quint 6 entering the apparatus fleet at Ashburn, a decision has not yet been reached if any of the older apparatus will be sold.

Recruit Class # 6

Loudoun County's Fire & Rescue Recruit Class # 6 held their graduation ceremony at Harper Park Middle School in Leesburg on Friday evening June 21, 2002. The auditorium was overflowing with family, friends, staff, instructors, and dignitaries from the county to witness the event and wish the new firefighters and EMT's congratulations. The ceremony lasted about 1-½ hours and was filled with well wishes and encouragement for the future from Chief Griffin, Chairman Rambo and the staff. Chief Griffin emphasized that this is just the beginning of a long journey into training and learning all you can learn about this career. G.G. Gregg was presented the top recruit award and Todd Webber was presented the Sergeant-at-Arms award. Patricia Collins and Todd Webber gave the recruit class comments. The newly formed Loudoun County Fire-Rescue Color Guard presented the colors to start the ceremony. Afterwards there were refreshments in the cafeteria that was prepared by Lt. Mary Carmichael. Some of the new firefighters and EMT's started work the very next day, while others started on Monday.



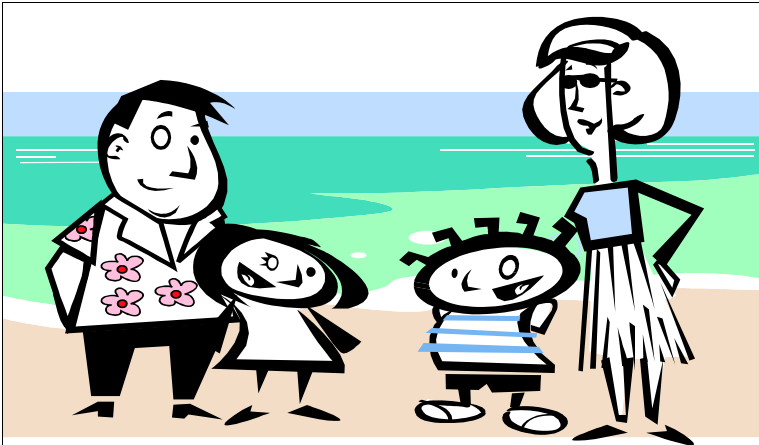
Below is the list of where the new firefighters-EMT's were assigned:

Jeremy Adcock-ALS 3; Richard Bonney-Fire Station 7; Nathan Demaree-Fire Station 11; William Devers-Fire Station 10; Steve Eby-Fire Station 4; Bernie Gottholm-Fire Station 4; G.G. Gregg-Fire Station 11; Tom Hamilton-Fire Station 19; David Herman-Fire Station 6; Adam Hopkins-Fire Station 19; Catherine Ippolito-Fire Station 6; Alex Keepers-Fire Station 9; Patti Collins-Fire Station 18; Matt Murphy-Fire Station 19; Ray Muth, Jr.-Fire Station 20; Chris Payne-ALS 3; Nathan Smith-Fire Station 12; Todd Smith-Fire Station 19; Todd Webber-Fire Station 5; Spencer Wells-Fire Station 7.

The recruit staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the department chiefs for loaning us apparatus and equipment during this recruit school. Without your help and assistance we would be unable to provide the quality training that we strive to provide.

Submitted by Lt. Jeff Bailey

Photograph Courtesy of Lt. Mary Carmichael



**Wishing you a
fun and safe
vacation!**

CAD STREETS—JUNE 2002

Street Name	Subdivision	1st Eng.	1st Amb	Box Area
Airmont Hunt Dr	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Androssan Ln	Chudleigh Farm	7	3	7-4
Arcola Manor Ct	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Bluewing Al	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Burnt Bridge Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Chudleigh Farm Ln	Chudleigh Farm	7	3	7-4
Clear Creek Ln	Chudleigh Farm	7	3	7-4
Cloister Pl	River Creek	1	13	1-13
Coralbells Pl	Spring Lakes	1	13	1-13
Coton Reserve Dr	Coton Commons @ Lansdowne	6	6	6-1
Courtland Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Dalriada Ln	Mercker Family	8	17	8-9
Dodderidge Ct	Shamrock	4	4	4-13
Dustywing Al	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Glen Abbey Ct	River Creek	1	13	1-13
Glyndebourne Ct	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Golden Leaf Ct	Golden Springs	5	17	5-9
Gooseview Ct	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Heritage Oak Ct	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Janneys Corner Ct	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Karlino Ct	Hamilton Station Estates	5	17	5-6
La Costa Wy	River Creek	1	13	1-13
Lancer Ci	Kelley	2	14	2-14
Laurel Wood Ct	Barclay Woods	7	9	7-10
Laurier Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Leaning Oak Sq	Courtland Square	2	14	2-11
Lotus Ln	Dewitt Family	12	12	12-2
Lovella Country Ct	Lovella	8	14	8-6
Mapleton Ct	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Merak Ct	Hamilton Station Estates	5	17	5-6
Montevista Sq	Spring Lakes	1	13	1-13
Montview Sq	Spring Lakes	1	13	1-13
Mountville Woods Dr	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Newton Pl	Barclay Woods	7	9	7-10
Northwoods Ct	Hamilton Station Estates	5	17	5-6
Oak Post Ct	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Olmsted Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Overland Dr	Dulles Trade Center II	9	9	9-5
Peaceful Stream Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Pebble Run Dr	Dulles Trade Center II	9	9	9-5
Pleasant Meadow Ln	Willowin Farm	8	14	8-8
Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Scott Morgan Ln	Hardey	12	12	12-2
Shinniecock Hills Pl	River Creek	1	13	1-13
Shiso Ct	Spring Lakes	1	13	1-13
Sisler Ct	Sisler Property	18	25	18-5
Spanish Bay Ct	River Creek	1	13	1-13
Sunset View Tr SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Swallowtail Wy	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Triticum Ln	Moler	12	12	12-1
Twinoaks Pl	Hamilton Station Estates	5	17	5-6
Unison Knoll Ci	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Valley Preserve Dr	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Vannes Ct	Hamilton Station Estates	5	17	5-6
Vickery Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Waldingfield Ln	Chudleigh Farm	7	3	7-4
Weymouth Ln	Chudleigh Farm	7	3	7-4
Wide Meadow Sq	Spring Lakes	1	13	1-13

CAD Street Name Changes June 2002

Street Name Changes:

Gresham Pl is now
Gresham Dr

Mt Weather Rd is now
Mount Weather Rd

Child Safety Seat Inspections Fire & Rescue Locations

Middleburg Sta. 3 (540) 687-3001
Aldie Sta. 7 (703) 327-6712
Arcola Sta. 9 (703) 327-2222
Ashburn Sta. 6 (703) 729-0006
Hamilton Sta. 5 (540) 338-6001
Leesburg Sta. 1/20 (703) 771-9103
Loudoun Sta. 13 (703) 777-7185
Lovettsville Sta. 12 (540) 822-5258
Lucketts Sta. 10 (703) 777-9344
Purcellville Sta. 14 (540) 338-4706
Round Hill Sta. 4 (540) 338-7982
Sterling Sta. 11 (703) 430-7010
N. Sterling Sta. 18 (703) 430-4013
South Riding Sta. 19 (703) 327-6747

Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee

Peggy Smedley, Co. 3
Joe Habib, Co. 6
Jeannie Cooper, Co. 7
Tom Dean, Co. 8
Sara Chamblin-Case, Co. 9
Sheila Brendel, Co. 12
Deb Matthews, Co. 13
Amanda Bowers, Co. 14
Bill Lyden, Co. 15
Allie Love, F/R Commission
Frankie Sutherland, LCFRS
Terry Kellogg, Management
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VFIS Announces 17th Annual Awards Competition for Junior Emergency Service Organizations

- Contest Rewards and Recognizes Programs Aimed at Training Young People for Tomorrow Emergency Service- -

How do we encourage the young people of today to become the emergency volunteers of tomorrow? By offering challenging and exciting youth programs that train and inspire them. In its continuing efforts to support such initiatives, VFIS today announce its 17th annual "Junior Emergency Service Excellence Awards" competition, aimed at rewarding youth programs across the county that show exceptional community involvement, effective organization and training and other important attributes. Winners receive up to \$1,000; a special awards plaque, and national recognition for their accomplishments.

In making the announcement, VRFIS President Dave Wyrwas said, "The future of America's emergency services is

very important to all of us. Active junior organization play a key role by helping to provide an ongoing supply of interested, involved, trained and experienced young people, many of whom become dedicated adult emergency providers.

Who qualifies for the competition? Any organization of young people interested in the emergency services. For example, programs can be sponsored through a local emergency service organization, a high school Cadet program, or a Fire and Emergency Services Explorer Post in association with the Boy Scouts of America.

To view or download the application visit: <http://www2.vfis.com/store/onlinestore.htm>

(The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2002. (last years winners included Temecula City Fire Explorer Post 204, Menifee, CA; Mercy Flights, Medford, OR; Mountain Lakes Junior Fire Department, Mountain Lakes, NJ.)

Advise New Members

How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. Call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy.

You will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to your station.

Theme for Fire Prevention Week 2002

"Team Up for Fire Safety"